

Trauma Reimbursement News



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HORNE CPA GROUP SETS STATEWIDE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Do you have questions about the online reimbursement program, where to send your refunds, and which patients to include? These and other important trauma reimbursement issues will be covered during the Annual Trauma Workshops.

LEVEL IV HOSPITALS: Please read updates on Page 2 for more information about your 2004 reimbursement process.

Changes and updates for the 2004 claim year, procedures and questions about the reimbursement process will be discussed. Meetings usually last about one hour. Please feel free to attend the meeting in the most convenient location for you even if it is not within your region. (Please notice there will not be regional meetings in Brookhaven or Meridian this year.)

CITY	DATE / TIME	LOCATION
Brandon	Wednesday, January 5, 2005, 9:00 AM	Rankin Medical Center, North Annex (red brick building past hospital)
Gulfport	Thursday, January 6, 2005, 10:00 AM	Memorial Hospital of Gulfport, South Building Auditorium
Greenville	Tuesday, January 4, 2005, 4:00 PM	Delta Regional Medical Center, 1-East Conference Room
Tupelo	Tuesday, January 4, 2005, 9:30 AM	North MS Medical Center, Auditorium, North Education Center
Hattiesburg	Thursday, January 6, 2005, 3:00 PM	Forrest General Hospital, Maple Room (off cafeteria)

E-mail Addresses Needed

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2004 Updates



Level IV Hospital System Changes

Effective for the 2004 claim year (for services rendered January 1 – December 31, 2004), level IV hospital systems will receive a fixed reimbursement of \$10,000. **Level IV hospitals will not be required to submit a claim. Qualified physicians practicing at trauma centers of any level will continue to submit claims in order to receive full reimbursement from the Trauma Care Trust Fund.**

If a level IV hospital drops out of the program at any time during the year, it will not be eligible for the \$10,000 reimbursement. Qualified physicians will still be able to submit claims up to the date the hospital dropped out of the system, as long as the hospital has continued to maintain its trauma registry during the claim year.

Hospitals Must Have Complete Designation to Receive 100% of Reimbursement Funds Provisional Designation Means 50% Reimbursement

Also effective for the 2004 claim year, only Level I – III hospitals with complete designation as a Mississippi trauma center will receive full reimbursement for uncompensated trauma care. Hospitals with provisional designation as of December 31, 2004, will receive 50 percent of their reimbursement. The forfeited funds will be reallocated among trauma centers with complete designation in the same claim year. Please check with your hospital administration or trauma coordinator to determine your hospital's designation status. Qualified physicians who deliver uncompensated trauma care at a provisionally designated hospital **will not** be affected by this change. The physicians will receive 100 percent of their reimbursement. Please contact Jim Wadlington at the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services with any questions regarding your hospitals designation. (Contact information include on page 7.)

Office of Emergency Planning and Response Renamed

Office of Emergency Planning and Response (formerly Emergency Medical Services) has a new name. It is now known as the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. Contact information for BEMS has not changed:

Mississippi State Department of Health
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
P. O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215-1700
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601-576-8080 (fax)



Statistics 2003 Trauma Care Trust Fund

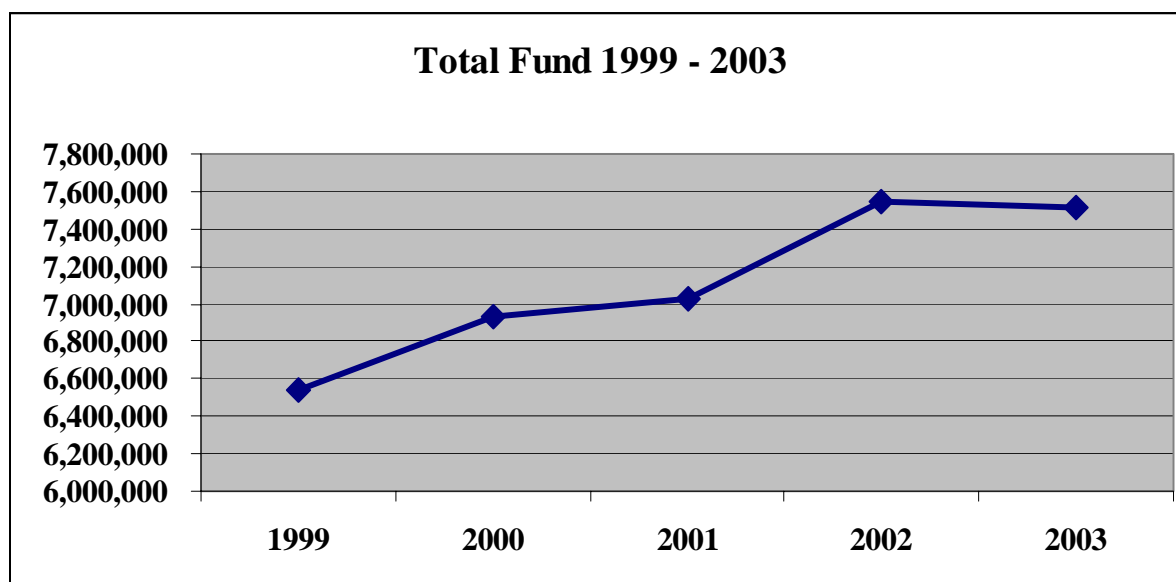
The 2003 Trauma Care Trust Fund distributed a total of \$7,510,172 to hospitals and physicians in the Mississippi trauma network. The following statistics show the details of the allocation since the Fund's inception in 1999:

Fund Distribution for Uncompensated Care 1999 – 2003

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Total Fund	\$ 7,510,172.00	\$ 7,543,809.00	\$ 7,030,484.00	\$ 6,931,988.00	\$ 6,538,545.00
Total Hospital Fund	5,257,120.40	5,280,666.30	4,921,338.80	4,852,391.60	4,576,981.50
Total Surgeon Fund	1,871,614.10	1,823,415.40	1,829,106.66	2,079,596.40	1,961,563.50
*Total Anesthesiologist Fund	381,437.50	439,727.30	280,038.54	N/A	N/A

Participating Hospitals	70	71	70	67	65
Participating Physicians	362	366	314	216	157

*Anesthesiologists did not become eligible to participate in the Fund until claim year January – December 2001.



Statistics 2003 Trauma Care Trust Fund



Top 10 CPT Codes - Physicians, including Anesthesiologists

Code	Description	Frequency
99231	Subsequent hospital care	2,475
99232	Subsequent hospital care	1,336
99291	Critical care, first hour	1,204
99233	Subsequent hospital care	755
99223	Initial hospital care	670
99238	Hospital discharge day	337
99222	Initial hospital care	292
99292	Critical care, additional 30 min	278
36620	Insertion of catheter, artery	269
36489	Insertion of catheter, vein	168

Top 10 DRG's

Code	Description	Frequency
219	LOW EXTREM&HUMER PROC EX HIP,FOOT,FEMUR AGE>17 W/O CC	158
281	TRAUMA TO THE SKIN, SUBCUT TISS + BREAST AGE>17 W/O CC	153
486	OTHER O.R. PROCEDURES FOR MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	144
487	OTHER MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA	132
243	MEDICAL BACK PROBLEMS	123
483	TRACHEOSTOMY EXCEPT FOR FACE MOUTH & NECK DIAGNOSIS	84
211	HIP + FEMUR PROCEDURES EXCEPT MAJOR JOINT AGE > 17 W/O CC	65
485	LIMB REATTACH, HIP + FEMUR PROCS FOR MULTI SIGN TRAUMA	65
218	LOW EXTREM & HUMER PROC EX HIP, FOOT, FEMUR AGE >17 W CC	54
280	TRAUMA TO THE SKIN, SUBCUT TISS + BREAST AGE > 17 WITH CC	54

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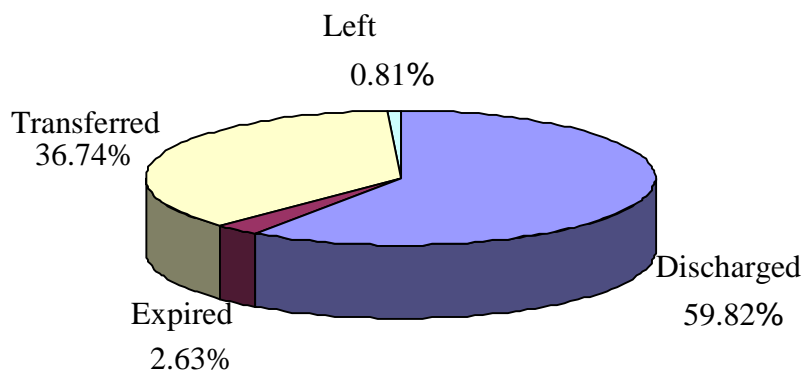


Breakdown by Type of Hospital Case:

Number of Non-Inpatient Cases	2,652
Number of Inpatient Cases	2,964
Total Number of Cases	5,616

Non-IP Descriptions	Number	Percent to Total
Discharged	1,173	59.82 %
Expired	78	2.63 %
Transferred	1,089	36.74 %
Left AMA	24	0.81 %
Total Non-Inpatient Cases	2,964	100 %

2003 Non-Inpatient Case Resolutions



Other Information



Frequently Asked Questions

WHERE IS MY TRAUMA CHECK?

Trauma checks are sent by the state to your trauma region by June 30 each year. Your trauma region must send out participant checks within 90 days of receiving the funds.

Horne CPA Group does not receive or process your checks. If you have not received your money or if you have questions regarding your check, please contact ***your trauma coordinator***.

(Contact information included on page 7.)

HOW CAN I GET MY EOB?

Horne CPA Group's online reimbursement process allows providers to enter claim data into a web-based claims system. Once the claims are processed and money distributed, users can access their EOB's online by logging in with your user name and password at www.hcpag.com.

(If you can't remember your log-in, you can request a reminder to be e-mailed to you from the website).

HAVE YOU BEEN PAID FOR A CLAIM THAT WAS ALREADY REIMBURSED THROUGH THE TRAUMA PROGRAM?

If you have received payment from another source for a claim that was previously submitted to the Trauma Program and reimbursed by the Program, you must refund the Program.

How do you refund the Program?

Follow these four steps:

1. Providers must send a refund *to their Trauma Region* within thirty days of receipt of payment on any claim that has been reimbursed from the Fund from its inception in 1999.
2. Amount of refund is the *lesser* of (a) the amount reimbursed from the Fund on the claim and (b) the amount paid on the account by the patient, third party payor or other source, *unless Medicaid is the payor. If Medicaid pays any amount, the entire reimbursement amount from the Fund must be refunded to the region.*
3. A cover letter must be included which states the following:
 - a. Medical record number and date(s) of service of claim;
 - b. Amount previously reimbursed from the Fund;
 - c. Amount and date paid on the account;
 - d. Amount of enclosed check (lesser of "b" and "c").
4. Checks are made payable to the Trauma Region and should be mailed to the appropriate Trauma Region Director. *(Contact information is shown on page 7.)*

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For clinical issues or questions about trauma center designation, please contact:

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